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September 24, 1993

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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20554

RE:

MM Docket No. 93-221

RM-8265

East Wenatchee, Ephrata, and

Chelan, WA

Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Northcentral Broadcasting, are an original and four copies of its **OPPOSITION TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE AND COUNTERPROPOSAL** in the above-referenced rulemaking proceeding.

Should further information be required regarding this matter, please communicate directly with this office.

Very truly yours,

Melodie A. Virtue

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Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments. RM-8265 FM Broadcast Stations. (East Wenatchee, Ephrata, and Chelan, Washington)

MM Docket No. 93-221

TO:

Chief, Allocations Branch

Opposition to Order to Show Cause and Counterproposal

Northcentral Broadcasting ("Northcentral"), licensee of KOZI-FM, Chelan, Washington, by counsel and pursuant to Sections 1.87 and 1.420(g) of the Commission's Rules, hereby respectfully opposes the *Notice* of Proposed Rule Making and Order to Show Cause, DA 93-947, released August 4, 1993 (NPRM), and proposes the following counterproposal:

	Channel No.		
City	Present	Proposed	
Chelan, WA	228A	234A	

In support thereof, the following is submitted:

1. At the request of Petitioner Hartline Broadcasters, the Commission proposes to add Channel 229C2 to East Wenatchee, Washington, as that community's second local service. For that new allotment to meet the FCC's minimum spacing requirements, Petitioner has asked for the deletion of Channel 230C2 at Ephrata, Washington, and for the substitution of Channel 238A for 228A at Chelan, Washington. As Northcentral currently operates Radio Station KOZI-FM on Channel 228A

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at Chelan, the *NPRM* requests that Northcentral submit a written statement showing why its license should not be modified as proposed.

- 2. Northcentral opposes the NPRM because it prefers to have Channel 234A instead of Channel 238A substituted at Chelan. The engineering statement attached as Exhibit 1 hereto shows that Channel 234A can be allotted to Chelan, Washington, and meets the technical requirements of the Commission's rules. Channel 234A can also be used from KOZI-FM's existing site. Channel 234A is closer in frequency to KOZI-FM's existing operation on Channel 228A than is Channel 238A proposed in the NPRM. KOZI-FM's listeners, therefore, would not have to search as far up the dial to find KOZI-FM's signal once the change is effectuated. Further, a lower channel allotment is more efficient in terms of electrical consumption than a higher channel. Substitution of Channel 234A for proposed Channel 238A, or even for KOZI-FM's existing channel, provides Northcentral with greater technical flexibility to improve its service in the future. Consequently, Northcentral strongly prefers the substitution of Channel 234A in lieu of Channel 238A as proposed in the NPRM.
- 3. It should be noted that Petitioner proposed the deletion of vacant Channel 230C2 at Ephrata, Washington. The *NPRM* stated that Channel 230C2 would be deleted if no applications were filed for that allotment by the comment deadline in this proceeding. On the same date that the *NPRM* was adopted, July 21, 1993, counsel for Petitioner filed a "first-come, first-served" application on behalf of TRMR, Inc., for Channel 230C2 at Ephrata.¹ *Public Notice* Report No. 15591, released August 10,

¹ A copy of the transmittal letter for the TRMR, Inc., application is attached as Exhibit 2.

1993 (FCC File No. 930721MC). The substitution of Channel 234A at Chelan, however, does not conflict with TRMR's pending application.² Thus, the Commission can still proceed to substitute Channel 234A for Channel 228A at Chelan regardless of its resolution of Petitioner's proposal.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, Northcentral Broadcasting respectfully requests that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to reflect the allotment of Channel 234A in lieu of Channel 228A at Chelan, Washington, and that it modify the license of KOZI-FM to specify operation on Channel 234A.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHCENTRAL BROADCASTING

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September 24, 1993

² Commission policy has been not to delete a channel in which an expression of interest, in the form of an application, has been filed. See, e.g., FM Channel Assignments (Marlboro, Vermont), 8 FCC Rcd. 2943 (1993). Nevertheless, it is not entirely clear from the FCC's procedures for resolving conflicts between applications and rulemaking petitions that a subsequently-filed application cuts off a previously-filed petition for rulemaking. Conflicts Between Applications and Petitions for Rulemaking to Amend the FM Table of Allotments, 7 FCC Rcd. 4917 (1992), modified in part, 8 FCC Rcd. 4743 (1993). On modification, the Commission indicated that counterproposals that protected the site of the previously filed application would be considered if filed within 15 days of the notice routinely issued by the FCC staff regarding the filing of counterproposals. See 47 C.F.R. § 73.208(a) Note. Northcentral does not believe that the TRMR application has appeared on the routine public notice of counterproposals as of this writing. In any event, Northcentral's proposal for Channel 234A does not impact the Channel 230C2 allotment at Ephrata.

EXHIBIT 1

ENGINEERING EXHIBITS

A REQUEST TO AMEND SECTION 73.202(b), FOR ALLOCATION OF FM CHANNEL 234A TO Chelan, Washington

APPLICANT:

North Central Broadcasting Chelan, Washington

KENNETH WILLIAMS, Jr., P.E. CONSULTING ENGINEER

P.O. BOX 7703 TACOMA, WA 98407

GENERAL ENGINEERING STATEMENT

The following Engineering data supports a request of North Central Broadcasting, Chelan, Washington to amend the table of FM channel allotments. Allotment of channel 234A to Chelan, Washington is proposed.

As proposed herein channel 234A will not be in conflict with any presently assigned or allotted channels. Results of this assignment will not cause short spacing to existing or proposed stations in the U.S. or Canada, thus permitting us to request change in the FM Table of FM Allotments in section 73.202(b) of the Commissions Rules.

THE PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE RULES ARE:
Chelan, Washington

Existing 228A

Proposed 234A

All distance figures used in this report are metric and distance calculations were made using methods specified in Section 73.208 of the FCC Rules.

As shown on the following pages, all channel spacings are within the Commission's current minimum separation requirements at the petitioner's proposed transmitter site.

Another consideration were the 10.6-10.8 mHz. spacings. These channels, 287 and 288 were searched out to a distance of 100 km. Print out of this information is shown as figure No. 2.

The present KOZI-FM transmitter site is the site we propose to use on the new channel of 234A. This is a proven site, and on the basis of effective radiated power and antenna height above average terrain, a minimum field of 3.16 mV/m will be provided over the entire principal community of Chelan, Washington.

The transmitter site is not located in a populated are, thus blanketing interference should not be a great factor.

There are no major obstructions on the city radial of 263° true. Which results in line-of-sight from the antenna over the principle city to be served.

No change in other channel assignments are required to make channel 234A allotment to Chelan, Washington. On the following pages are figures and exhibits which support our request.

CLASS A FM CHANNEL STUDY ** CHANNEL 234 **

FIGURE No. 1

REFERENCE SITE	- Chelan, Washington	N. 47 51 7 W. 119 52 18
CHANNEL CALL & CLASS STATUS	Owner/Applicant (m) (kw) (m) CITY HORZ->AHAAT/ERP/AMSL STATE FILE No. Vert->AHAAT/ERP/AMSL	(deg) (km) LATITUDE AZIMUTH DIST LONGITUDE [MARGIN]
94.1 Mhz.	Professional Broadcasting, Incorporat Seattle 714 57. 940	ed 47-30-14 256.2 162.5
94.1 Mhz. 231 A CBYRFM FM	Rock Creek 10 .040 BC 10 .040	49- 2-28 26.2 147.4 118-59-28 110.4 KM CLEAR
94.1 Mhz. 231 A FA	Salmo BC	49-11-50 51.9 242.6 117-17- 4 205.6 KM CLEAR
94.1 Mhz. 231 C KMPSFM FM APP	Professional Broadcasting, Incorporat Seattle 714 64. 940 WA BMPH 890727IB 714 64. 940	47-30-14 256.2 162.5
94.5 Mhz. 233 C FA VACA	Hayden ID	47-43-54 93.3 235.6 116-43-48 70.6 KM CLEAR
94.5 Mhz. 233 Cl KATS FM LIC	Yakima 277 100. 631	46-31-59 198.1 154.2 120-30-14 21.2 KM CLEAR
94.5 Mhz. 233 B FA	Penticton BC	49-31-44 5.2 187.2 119-38-25 55.2 KM CLEAR
	North Idaho Broadcasting Company Hayden 470 100. 1269 ID BPH 920228IF 470 100. 1269	47-43-54 93.3 235.6 116-43-48 70.6 KM CLEAR
94.5 Mhz. 233 A KKCH FM CP M	Hayden 470 0.23 1269	47-43-54 93.3 235.6 116-43-48 163.6 KM CLEAR
94.9 Mhz. 235 C KIOK FM LIC		46- 5-47 165.2 201.9 119-11-36 36.9 KM CLEAR
94.9 Mhz. 235 Cl KUOW FM LIC		47-36-58 261.8 184.5 122-18-28 51.5 KM CLEAR

FIGURE No. 1 Cont.

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	Owner/Applicant CITY Horz-	AHAAT/ERP/AMSL	LATITUDE	AZIMUTH DIST.
& CLASS STATUS	STATE FILE No. Vert-	AHAAT/ERP/AMSL	LONGITUDE	[MARGIN]
			========	
94.9 Mhz.				
235 C CBTAFM		445 13.5		
FM	BC		117-49- 8	27.9 KM CLEAR
OF 2 Mbg	MALE INC			
237 A KXLEFM	KXLE, Inc. Ellensburg	-44 1.40 548	47 0 0	207 6 106 0
FM LIC	WA BLH 5614	-44 1.40 240		75.9 KM CLEAR
rn Lic	WA BLII JOL4		120-31-40	/J.J NA CLEAR
95.3 Mhz.	Roberts Broadcasting			
	Medical Lake	151 1.30 863	47-34- 0	100.4 175.6
FM LIC				144.6 KM CLEAR
III DIC	WA BEIL 00002010A	131 1.30 003	117-34- 0	144.0 M. CDIKIK
95.3 Mhz.				
237 A CBUBFM	Osoyoos	-76 -235	49- 6- 8	8.9 140.7
FM	BC	-76 .235 -76 .235	119-34-38	103.7 KM CLEAR
		, 0 1200	110 01 00	2000, 10: 02:2:0:
95.3 Mhz.	KXLE, Inc.			
237 C2 KXLEFM	Ellensburg	410 1.90 1022	46-53-16	201.9 115.5
FM CP	WA BPH 890808IE	410 1.90 1022	120-26-31	60.5 KM CLEAR
95.3 Mhz.				
237 A KPND	Sandpoint	716 .095 1774	48-22-40	76.4 249.0
FM APP	ID BPH 920416IE	716 .095 1774	116-37- 5	218.0 KM CLEAR
rm app	1D BPH 9204161E	/10 •033 1//4	110-37- 5	210.0 NH CLEAR

>>>>> END OF CHANNEL 234 SEARCH <<<<<

FIGURE No. 2

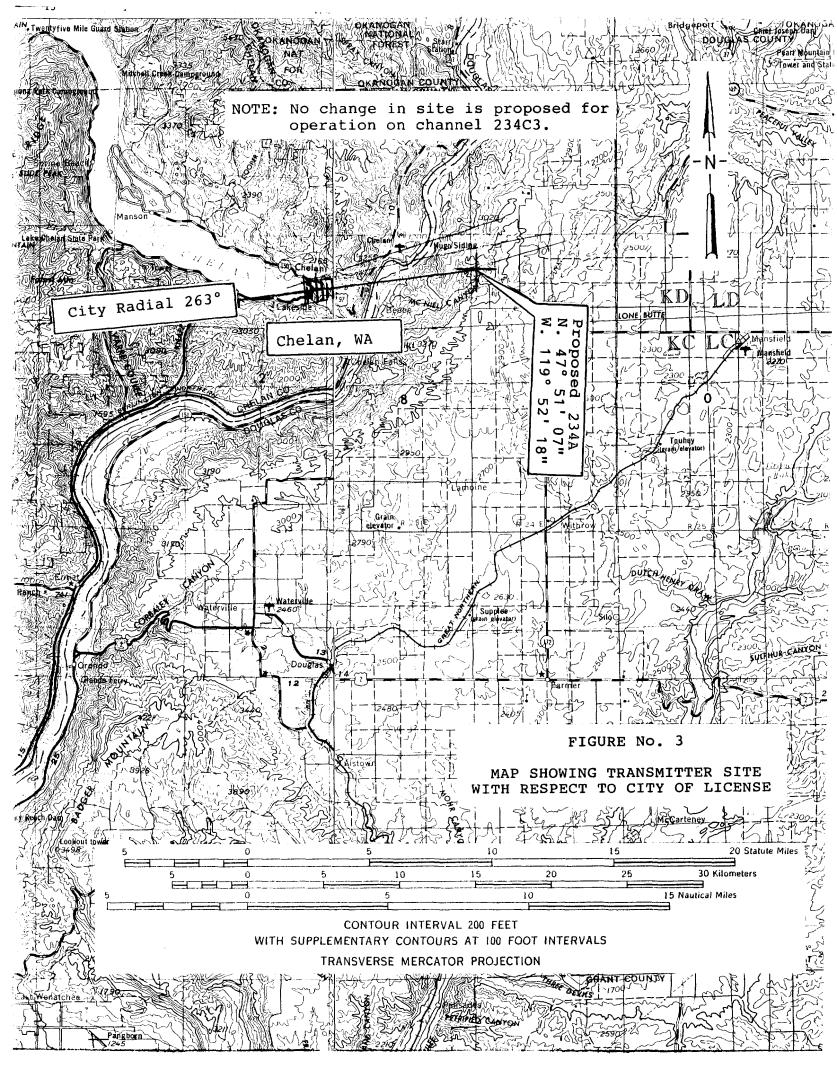
10.6-10.8 mHz CHANNEL SPACINGS

FM WITHIN 250 km ** CHANNELS 287 TO 288 **

REFERENCE SITE	- Chelan, Washington	N. 47 51 7	W. 119 52 18

CHANNEL CALL & CLASS STATUS	Owner/Applicant (m) (kw) (m) CITY HORZ->AHAAT/ERP/AMSL STATE FILE NO. Vert->AHAAT/ERP/AMSL		
	Crista Ministries, Inc. Edmonds 220 115. 268 WA BLH 910729KS 220 115. 268		267.1 185.9
105.3 Mhz. 287 C KONAFM FM APP	Tri-Cities Communications, Inc. Kennewick 347 100. 703 WA BPH 9301111D 347 100. 703	46- 5-51 119 - 11-30	165.2 201.8
105.3 Mhz. 287 C KONAFM FM LIC	Tri-Cities Communications, Inc. Kennewick 360 100. 702 WA BLH 800528AB 360 100. 702		165.2 201.8
105.3 Mhz. 287 A FA	Trail BC	49- 5-26 117-49- 8	47.8 204.9
105.5 Mhz. 288 A CIGV-2 FM	Princeton 87 .073	49-28-18 120-33-57	344.2 187.2

>> END OF FM WITHIN 250 km STUDY <<

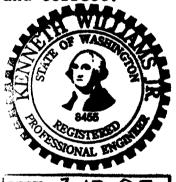


ENGINEERS CERTIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON)) ss COUNTY OF PIERCE

Kenneth Williams, Jr., P.E., being duly sworn on his oath, states that he is an experienced and qualified Radio Engineer, licensed as a Registered Professional Electrical Engineer in the States of Washington and Oregon and as such maintains an office for the practice of Electrical and Communications Engineering. Having been in continuous practice as a Consulting Engineer for over 30 years, his qualifications are thus a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Engineering data herein, was prepared by him or under his direct supervision and all representation of fact contained in said report is based on affiants measurements, information and belief and he believes all such statements herein to be true and correct



(Kenneth Williams, Jr., (affiant)

ENGINEERS STATE SEAL

Sworn to before me, perclun

Notary Public of Tacoma, Washington on this

My Commission Expires April 4, 1995.

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July 21, 1993

Federal Communications Commission 525 William Penn Way Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15259-0001

Re: FCC Form 301 Application for FM Channel 230C2 at Ephrata, Washington (First-Come First-Serve)

Dear Sir/Madame:

Transmitted herewith in triplicate on behalf of TRMR, Inc. is an FCC Form 301 application seeking a construction permit for a new station on FM Channel 230C2 at Ephrata, Washington, pursuant to Section 73.3564(d)(4) of the Commission's rules regarding first-come first-serve applications. A filing window for FM Channel 230C2 at Ephrata, Washington closed on May 27, 1993 (see FCC Public Notice, Report No. FM RM-12, released April 22, 1993). The Commission's records do not indicate any application for Channel 230C2 for Ephrata, Washington being filed either during the window or subsequent to the close of the window.

Attached to the original of this application is a check in the amount of \$2,030.00 made payable to the Federal Communications Commission to cover the requisite filing fee. Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact this office directly.

Sincerely,

ohn F. Garziglia

Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an employee of Haley, Bader & Potts, hereby certifies that the foregoing Opposition to Order to Show Cause and Counterproposal was mailed this date by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or was hand-delivered*, to the following:

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